Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No. But it has been proposed to provide for the land acquisition charges for the work in 1109 budget.

No, because no definite source can be found out at this part of the year and as the work involves land acquisition.

(c) It is apprehended that the rock blasting cannot be taken up without endangering the safety of the masonry work. It has, therefore, been proposed to drill trial holes in the well and the opinion of the Panchayat is being ascertained in the matter.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(a) Who has proposed and to whom?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Panchayat Registrar proposed to the Government.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon —Has the Government sanctioned it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Poverty—measures to root out.

243. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have noted that poverty is even economical of a waste;

(b) whether they intend to root out poverty, how, when?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) The question is unintelligible.

(b) All that is possible is being done.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state where the lack of clearness is about it?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I should like to have a very interesting chat with the Hon'ble Member. The question is an important one. I want to have some practical suggestions from him.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question is—where is the lack of clearness about the question?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—To my mind it was not clear. If you will enlighten me I shall try to answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not mean that apart from considerations of philanthropy, poverty is a waste in relation to the sum total of the material welfare of the country?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not also show that poverty is detrimental to the productive capacity of the country?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Where is the lack of clearness about it?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Now it is clear (*laughter*).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that intelligent men could not have anticipated this even from the question?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is a matter of opinion. The degree of intelligence is infinite.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) Am I to understand that my question is answered?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is answered as it is.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what more you can do?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I confess I cannot add anything to it just now, unless I get some further enlightenment from the Member from a private talk.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—No hope of it.

Solution for agrarian discontent in the State.

244. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they are impressed with the solution, partial at least, of agrarain discontent and the difficulties of judgment-debtors in Bhavanagar under the conditions similar to our State and what they intend to do here in the matter?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The question is far too vague to be answered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the Agriculturists Debt Redemption Scheme and the Agriculturists Protection Act that are being successfully worked out in Bhavanagar?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I also looked into it I wanted to know what was being done there. But the administration report did not give any information. I thought I might get better information from the Hon'ble Member. Bhavanagar is far away from here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How can you say that the question is vague.

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is the view of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Could you not have collected the information and then answered?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Time is a great factor. I can assure the Member that we have written to the Bhavanager State. Sir Prabha Sankar Pattani has made some economic survey.

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